



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 12, 2000

S. 2460

**An act to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals
furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for
serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda,
and for other purposes**

As approved by the House Committee on International Relations on September 7, 2000

S. 2460 would expand the State Department's rewards program by authorizing a reward for information about persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Under current law, rewards of up to \$5 million may be given for information about international terrorists or terrorist acts, narcotics-related offenses, and persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

CBO estimates the act would have no significant budgetary impact. According to the State Department, no awards have been made for information about persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. On that basis, CBO believes that it is unlikely that substantial awards would be paid in the near future for information about persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Because any such rewards would be paid from appropriated funds, the act would not affect direct spending or receipts, and pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2460 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 15, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2460, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on June 7, 2000. This act is identical to the Senate version of S. 2460 and the estimated costs are the same.

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